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(*a*) the number of acting and permanent Inspectors appointed from the rank of head constables;

(*b*) the number of acting and permanent Inspectors appointed from the clerical staff of the department;

(*c*) the number of acting, permanent or probationary Inspectors recruited from outside the department; and

(*d*) the number of permanent vacancies in the Inspectors' cadre existing at present?

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: (*a*) Acting Inspectors—10; Permanent Inspectors—Nil.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Nil.

(*d*) 10.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: With reference to part (c), may I know whether there is any rule or convention to the effect that a certain percentage of the vacancies should be filled only by fresh recruitments from outside the department?

Khan Bahadur Rajyasevapravina G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: I am aware of the rule on the subject.

Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): May I know whether these acting Inspectors are up to the standard?

Khan Bahadur Rajyasevapravina G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Some of them are very good; some of them could even satisfy the standard set up by the good old Tamil saying "புகைநுழையாத இடத்திலும் போலீஸ் நுழையும்" (The police can enter a place in which smoke cannot enter).

Nemom Police Station Lock-up.

45. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state the steps they have taken so far in providing the Nemom Police Station with a lock-up?

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: An estimate (with plan) for the construction of a lock-up has been prepared by the Executive Engineer and the work will be taken up soon.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know how long it will take for the work to be completed?

Khan Bahadur Rajyasevapravina G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: I may satisfy the member by saying that the work will be taken up soon.

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